

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Irene FELIX Vazquez,

Defendant.

Magistrate Case No.:

'08 MJ 87 02

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

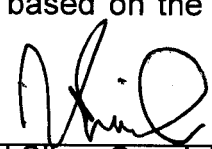
21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960

Importation of a Controlled Substance
(Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

On or about August 6, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant Irene FELIX Vazquez did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 47 kilograms (103.40 pounds) of marijuana a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.


Rafael Silva, Special Agent
Immigration and Customs Enforcement

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE, THIS 7TH
DAY OF AUGUST 2008.


Peter C. Lewis
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

5 This Statement of Facts is based on the reports, documents, and notes furnished to
6 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Rafael Silva.
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8 On August 6, 2008, at approximately 1550 hours, Irene FELIX Vazquez (FELIX) entered
9 the United States at the Calexico, California, west port of entry. FELIX was the driver and sole
10 occupant of a 1994 Subaru Legacy.
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12 FELIX approached lane number four which was being manned by Customs and Border
13 Protection Officer (CBPO) Ocegüera. During routine border inspection questioning, FELIX gave
14 a negative customs declaration. CBPO Ocegüera noticed the vehicle floor was extremely high
15 and referred FELIX and the vehicle to the vehicle secondary inspection.
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17 While at vehicle secondary, CBPO Tubbs took over the inspection. CBPO Tubbs
18 received a negative customs declaration from FELIX. FELIX stated the reason for her trip to
19 Mexico was to visit family.
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21 CBPO/CEO (Customs Enforcement Officer) Jones was conducting a lot sweep with his
22 assigned Human/Narcotics Detection Dog, when the dog alerted to the vehicle FELIX was
23 driving. CBPO/CEO Jones informed CBPO Tubbs of the alert. CBPO Tubbs continued the
24 vehicle inspection and located a non-factory compartment in the vehicle's floorboard.
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26 A subsequent inspection of the vehicle revealed thirty-six (36) packages concealed inside
27 the compartment and behind the rear seat of the vehicle. CBPO Tubbs probed one of the
28 packages and a sample of a green leafy substance was obtained, which field tested positive for
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1 marijuana. The 36 packages had a combined weight of approximately 47 kilograms (103.40
2 pounds) of marijuana.

3 FELIX was placed under arrest and advised of her rights, per Miranda, which she
4 acknowledged and waived, agreeing to answer questions. FELIX stated she knew the vehicle
5 would be carrying drugs but did not know what type of drugs. FELIX stated she was to be paid
6 \$1,000.00 dollars to drive the drug-laden vehicle into the United States and park it at the
7 McDonalds in Calexico. FELIX admitted to smuggling drugs in this same vehicle on three prior
8 occasions and receiving \$3,300.00 dollars for it.
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